

Analysis of Cumulant Moments in High Energy Hadron-Hadron Collisions by Truncated Multiplicity Distributions

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Abstract

Oscillatory behavior of cumulant moments obtained from the experimental data in pp collisions and $\bar{p}p$ collisions are analyzed by the modified negative binomial distribution (MNBD) and the negative binomial distribution (NBD). Both distributions well describe the cumulant moments obtained from the data. This fact shows sharp contrast to the result in e^+e^- collisions, which is described by the MNBD much better than by the NBD.

1 Introduction

Recently a prediction is made by the QCD calculations that the cumulant moment of multiplicity distribution possesses an oscillatory behavior[1]. Furthermore, analysis of the cumulant moments in hadron-hadron hh and e^+e^- collisions shows that the j -th order normalized cumulant moment of observed charged multiplicity distributions oscillates irregularly around the zero with increasing the rank j [2]. At present calculated results by the QCD explain the behavior of the data only qualitatively.

It is well known that the cumulant moment of negative binomial distribution (NBD) calculated from the multiplicity generating function is positive and decreases monotonously as the rank increases. However, it is shown in Ref.[3] that oscillatory behavior of cumulant moment appears if it is calculated from the truncated NBD. The possibility is pointed out that the cumulant moments of the modified negative binomial distribution (MNBD) calculated from the generating function change sign alternatively as the rank of the cumulant moments increases [4]. Cumulant moments of negatively charged particles and charged particles obtained from the data in e^+e^- collisions have been analyzed by the MNBD [4]. The result shows that the cumulant moments of the negatively charged particles obtained from the data show rather regular oscillation around zero; those with even rank are smaller than two adjacent moments at least up to the 6th rank. The

cumulant moments of the negatively charged and charged particles obtained from the data are well described by the MNBD, if it is truncated at the maximum of the observed negatively charged multiplicity. However, in e^+e^- collisions, oscillation of cumulant moments calculated from the truncated NBD is very weak comparing with that obtained from the data.

In this paper, we analyze the cumulant moments of charged particles observed in pp and $\bar{p}p$ collisions, by the MNBD and the NBD.

The j -th order normalized cumulant K_j of charged particles is expressed by the normalized factorial moments F_l ($l = 1, 2, \dots$) of charged particles as,

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 &= F_1, \\ K_j &= F_j + \sum_{m=1}^{j-1} j-1 C_{m-1} F_{j-m} K_m, \quad j = 2, 3, \dots, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where

$$F_j = \langle n_{\text{ch}}(n_{\text{ch}} - 1) \cdots (n_{\text{ch}} - j + 1) \rangle / \langle n_{\text{ch}} \rangle^j.$$

The H_j moment is defined by

$$H_j = K_j / F_j. \quad (2)$$

2 A Stochastic Process

In [5], a birth process with an immigration is taken for a model of particle productions,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial P(n; t)}{\partial t} &= -\lambda_0 P(n; t) + \lambda_0 P(n-1; t) \\ &\quad -\lambda_2 n P(n; t) + \lambda_2 (n-1) P(n-1; t), \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where λ_0 denotes an immigration rate, and λ_2 a birth rate. An initial condition of Eq.(3) is taken as a binomial distribution,

$$P(n; t=0) = {}_N C_n \alpha^n \beta^{N-n}, \quad \beta = 1 - \alpha. \quad (4)$$

The generating function $\Pi(z)$ of the multiplicity distribution $P(n)$ is defined by

$$\Pi(z) = \sum_{n=0}^N P(n) z^n. \quad (5)$$

Then, we have the generating function for the distribution $P(n; t = T)$,

$$\Pi(z; t = T) = \frac{1}{[1 - p(z-1)]^k} \left(\frac{1 - [p - \alpha(1+p)](z-1)}{1 - p(z-1)} \right)^N, \quad (6)$$

where

$$p = \exp[\lambda_2 T] - 1, \quad k = \lambda_0/\lambda_2.$$

If the branching process is governed by neutral particles, and those particles finally decay into charged pairs with a probability a or neutral particles with $(1 - a)$. Then, from Eq.(6), we have the generating function for charged particles,

$$G(w) = \Pi(a(w^2 - 1) + 1; t = T),$$

where the variable z in Eq.(6) is replaced by $aw^2 + (1 - a)$. The generating function $\Pi(z)$ for negatively charged particles is therefore written as

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi(z) &= [1 - r_1(z - 1)]^N [1 - r_2(z - 1)]^{-N-k}, \\ r_1 &= a(p - \alpha(1 + p)), \quad r_2 = ap. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

It should be noted that in Eq.(7), N is a positive integer, r_1 is real ($r_1 < 0$ or $r_1 \geq 0$), and $r_2 > 0$.

The probability distribution is obtained from $\Pi(z)$ as

$$\begin{aligned} P(0) &= \Pi(0) = \frac{(1 + r_1)^N}{(1 + r_2)^{N+k}}, \\ P(n) &= \frac{1}{n!} \left. \frac{\partial^n \Pi(z)}{\partial z^n} \right|_{z=0} \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2} \right)^N \sum_{j=0}^N {}^N C_j \frac{\Gamma(k + n + j)}{\Gamma(k + j)} \left(\frac{r_2 - r_1}{r_1} \right)^j \frac{r_2^n}{(1 + r_2)^{n+k+j}}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

If $k = 0$, the summation on the right hand side of Eq.(8) runs from $j = 1$ up to $j = N$, and it is called the MNBD [5], [6]. The second paper in [6] corresponds to the case $\alpha = 1$, which leads to $r_1 < 0$. If $N = 0$, Eq.(8) is reduced to the NBD.

If $k = 0$, parameters r_1 and r_2 are expressed by the average multiplicity $\langle n \rangle$ and C_2 moment of negatively charged particles respectively as,

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(C_2 - 1 - \frac{1}{\langle n \rangle} - \frac{1}{N} \right) \langle n \rangle, \\ r_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(C_2 - 1 - \frac{1}{\langle n \rangle} + \frac{1}{N} \right) \langle n \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

If $N = 0$, parameter r_1 is not contained in Eq.(8), and r_2 is given by

$$r_2 = \frac{\langle n \rangle}{k}.$$

3 Analysis of the experimental data

The cumulant moments of charged particles at the ISR in pp collisions [7], and of the UA5 collaboration in $\bar{p}pn$ collisions [8] are analyzed by the MNBD and NBD in this paper. Equation (8) is applied to the multiplicity distribution of negatively charged particles. The parameters used in the analysis are shown in Table I. Those are determined by the minimum chi-square (χ^2_{\min}) fit to the observed multiplicity distributions of negatively charged particles. As is seen from the Table I, the χ^2_{\min} values of the MNBD fit are smaller than those of the NBD fit in both energy regions.

Factorial moments of charged particles are calculated as

$$\begin{aligned} f_j^{\text{ch}} &= \langle n_{\text{ch}}(n_{\text{ch}} - 1) \cdots (n_{\text{ch}} - j + 1) \rangle \\ &= \sum_n^{n_{\max}} (2n + n_0)(2n + n_0 - 1) \cdots (2n + n_0 - j + 1) P(n), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where $P(n)$ is given by Eq.(8). In Eq.(9), n_{\max} denotes the maximum of the observed negatively charged multiplicity, and n_0 is taken as $n_0 = 2$ for pp collisions, and $n_0 = 0$ for $\bar{p}p$ collisions.

Then, cumulant moments of charged particles are calculated from Eqs. (1), (2) and (9) with the parameters shown in Table I. Those are compared with the cumulant moments of charged particles at the ISR in Figs.1a, b, c and d, and those for the UA5 Collaboration from 200 GeV to 900 GeV in Figs.2a, b and c. Both the MNBD and the NBD well describe the behavior of the data.

4 Concluding remarks

The cumulant moments of observed multiplicity distributions of charged particles in pp and $\bar{p}p$ collisions are analyzed by the MNBD and the NBD. The cumulant moments obtained from the data oscillate rather irregularly as the rank of the moments increases. Those behavior are well described by the calculated results by the MNBD as well as by the NBD. The results in pp and $\bar{p}p$ collisions are much different from those in e^+e^- collisions, where the data is described much better by the MNBD than by the NBD.

The cumulant moments of negatively charged particles obtained from the data in pp or $\bar{p}p$ collisions does not show the regular oscillations contrary to those in e^+e^- collisions.

The characteristics of the cumulant moments in hh and e^+e^- collisions, discussed above, are reduced mainly to the difference of the hadronization between the two processes.

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Table caption

Table 1 The parameters of the MNBD and the NBD used in the analysis of the cumulant moments in pp collisions, and in $\bar{p}p$ collisions.

Figure captions

Fig. 1 The normalized cumulant moments of charged particles in pp collisions. The full circles are obtained from the data [7] at a) $\sqrt{s} = 30.4$ GeV , b) $\sqrt{s} = 44.5$ GeV, c) $\sqrt{s} = 52.6$ GeV, and d) $\sqrt{s} = 62.2$ GeV. The solid line is obtained from our calculations with the MNBD, and the dashed line is with the NBD.

Fig. 2 The normalized cumulant moments of charged particles in $\bar{p}p$ collisions. The full circles are obtained from the data [8] from a) $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV, b) $\sqrt{s} = 546$ GeV, and c) $\sqrt{s} = 900$ GeV. The dashed lines are obtained from our calculations.

MNBD	\sqrt{s} [GeV]	N	$\langle n \rangle$	C_2	χ^2/NDF
	30.4	6	4.214 \pm 0.062	1.2993 \pm 0.0034	11.0/11
	44.5	6	5.064 \pm 0.053	1.2775 \pm 0.0052	6.8/16
	52.6	7	5.373 \pm 0.049	1.2880 \pm 0.0067	5.0/18
	62.2	12	5.821 \pm 0.061	1.2660 \pm 0.0077	23.3/17
	200	4	10.69 \pm 0.13	1.2633 \pm 0.0113	7.7/28
	546	4	14.65 \pm 0.09	1.2746 \pm 0.0040	67.0/44
	900	3	17.90 \pm 0.18	1.2955 \pm 0.0082	57.7/52
NBD	\sqrt{s} [GeV]		$\langle n \rangle$	k	χ^2/NDF
	30.4		4.370 \pm 0.059	21.44 \pm 3.76	27.5/12
	44.5		5.086 \pm 0.051	13.73 \pm 1.51	14.7/17
	52.6		5.384 \pm 0.049	9.98 \pm 0.65	5.5/19
	62.2		5.823 \pm 0.062	10.77 \pm 0.79	23.9/18
	200		10.56 \pm 0.13	5.66 \pm 0.36	4.3/29
	546		14.65 \pm 0.09	4.82 \pm 0.10	89.6/45
	900		16.81 \pm 0.18	3.47 \pm 0.12	73.7/53

Table 1

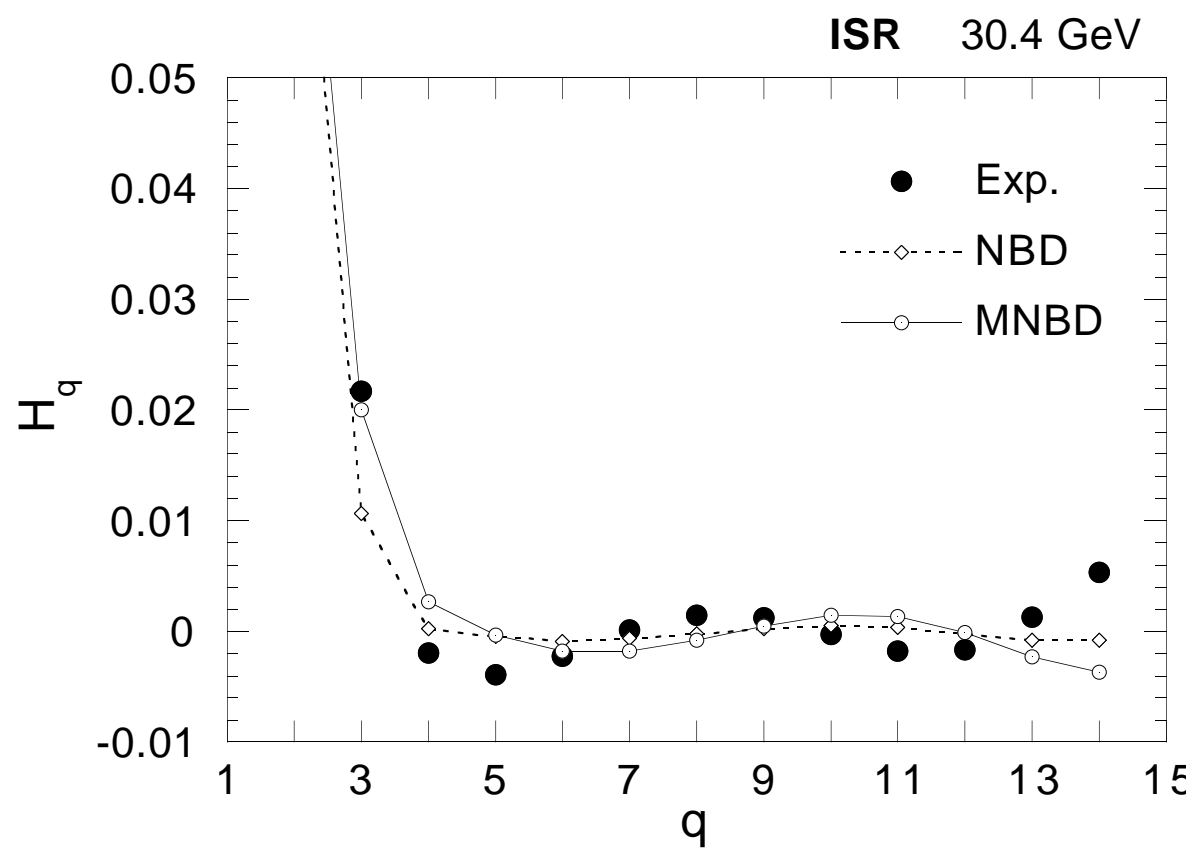


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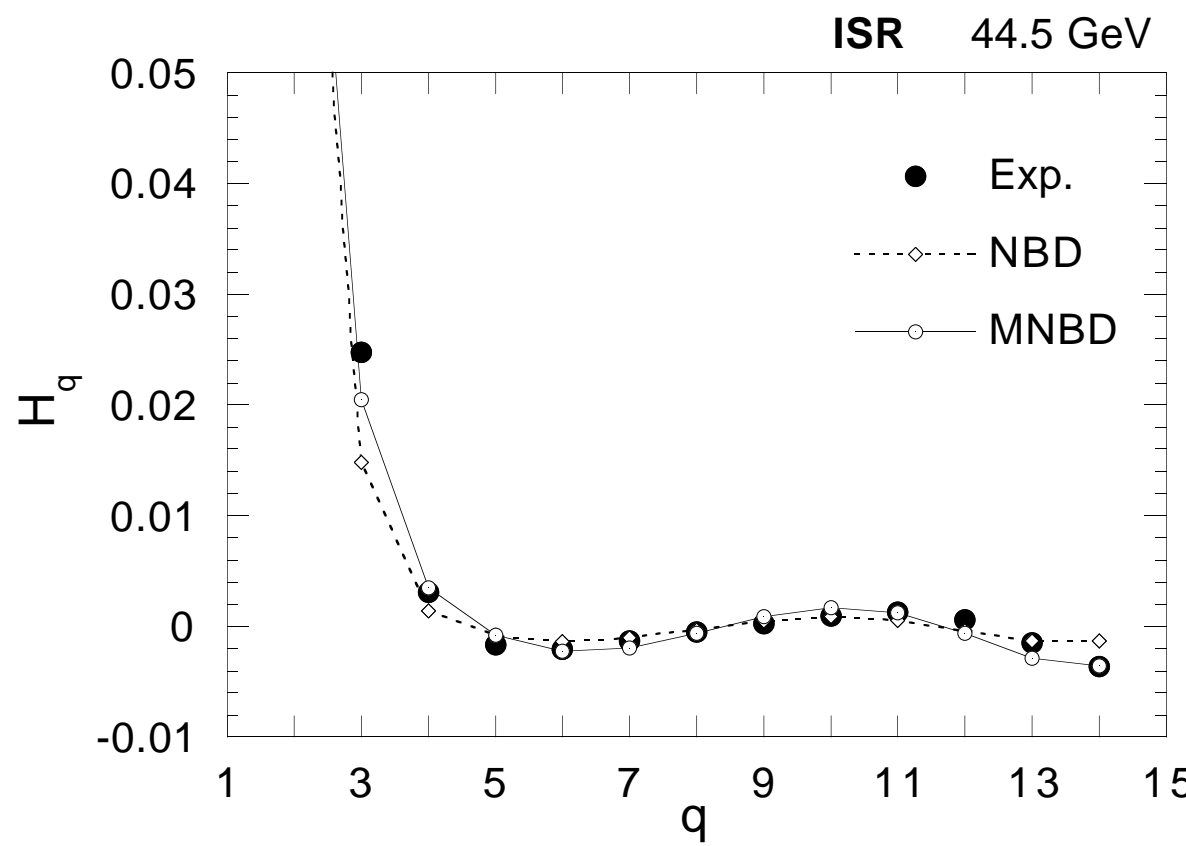


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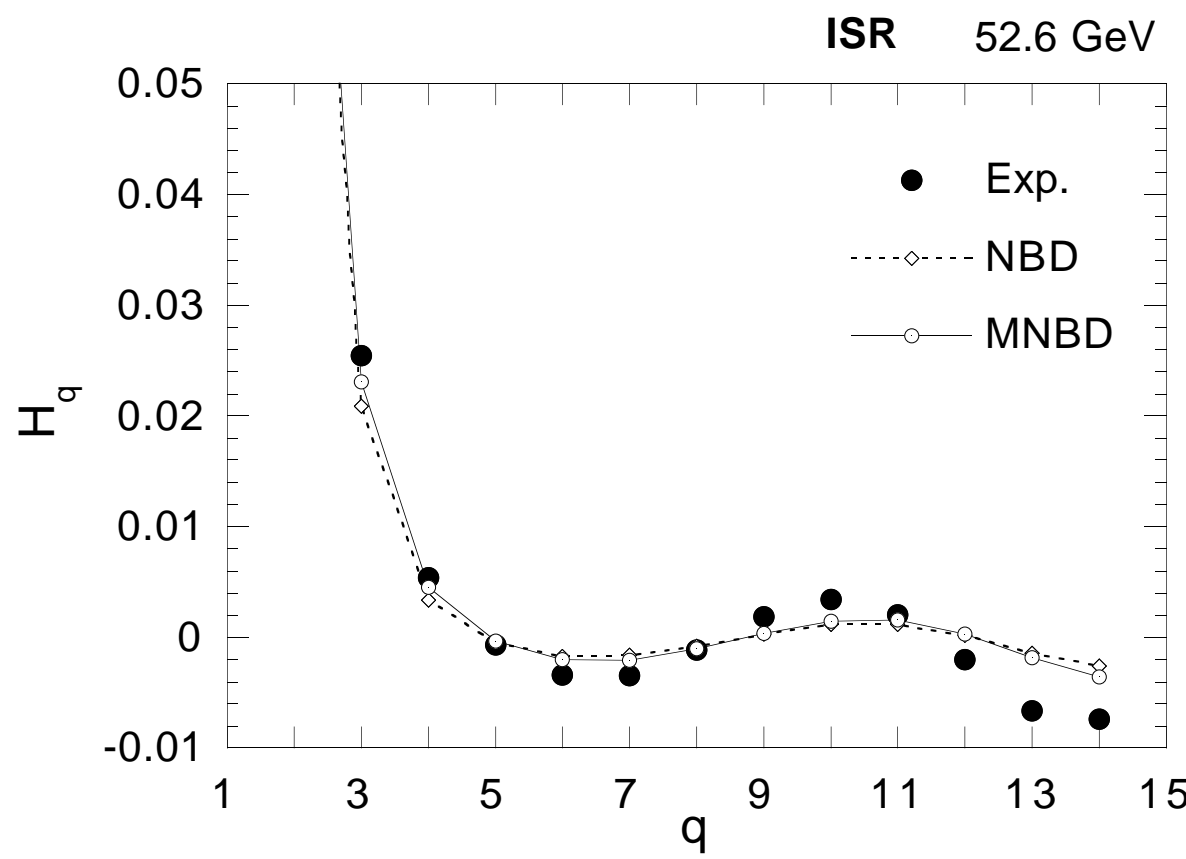


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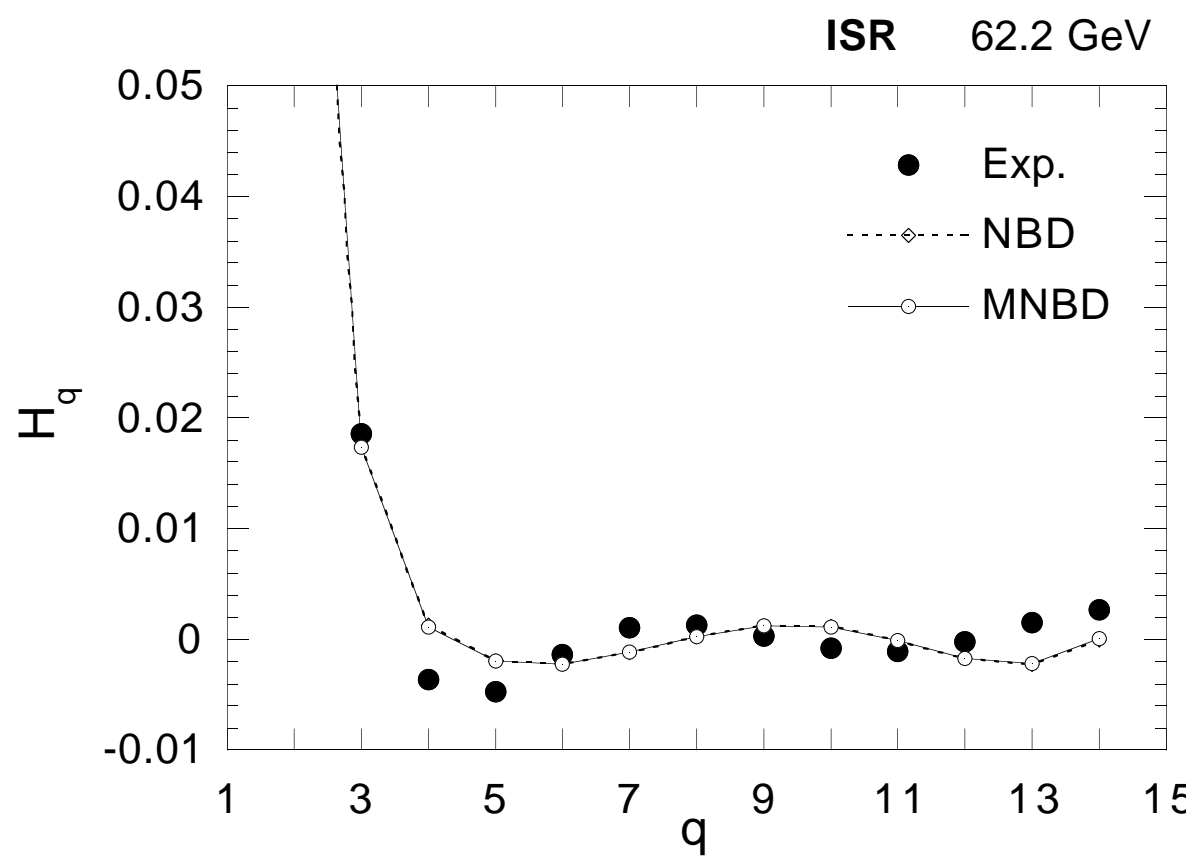


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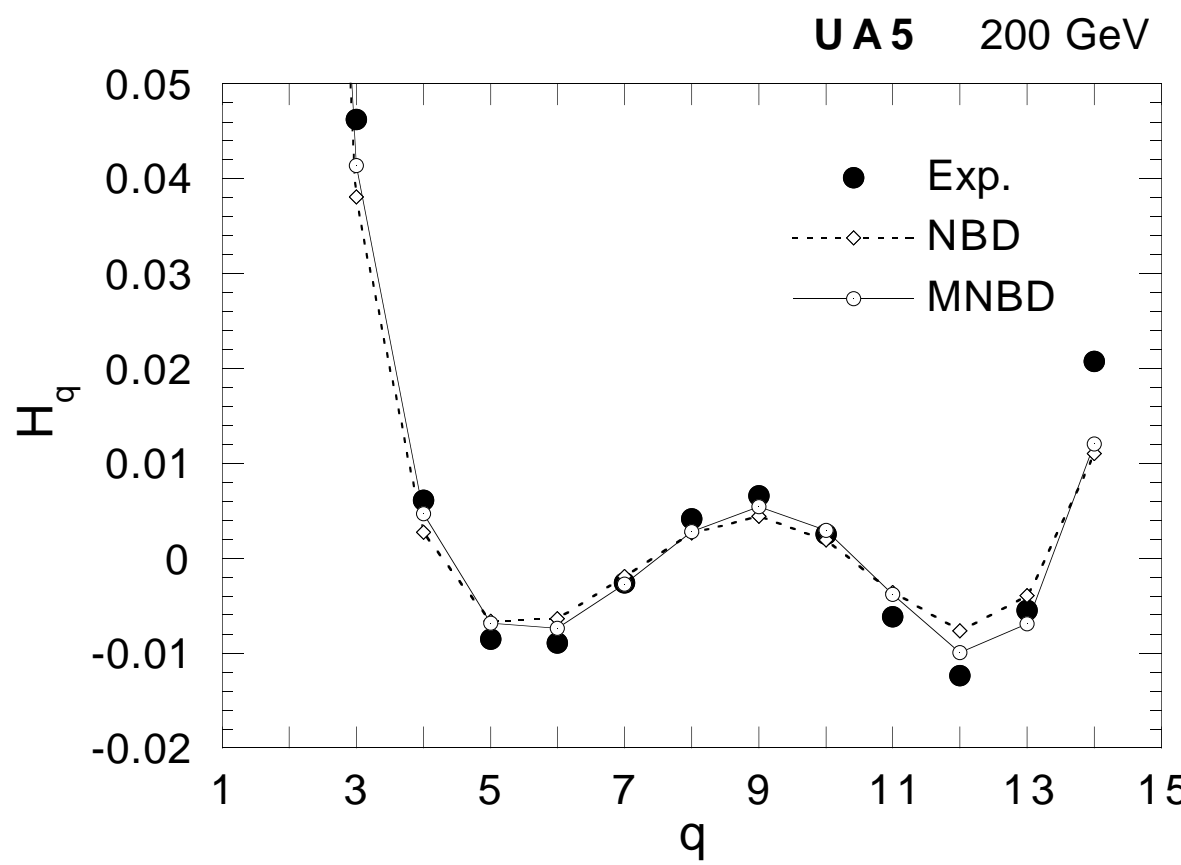


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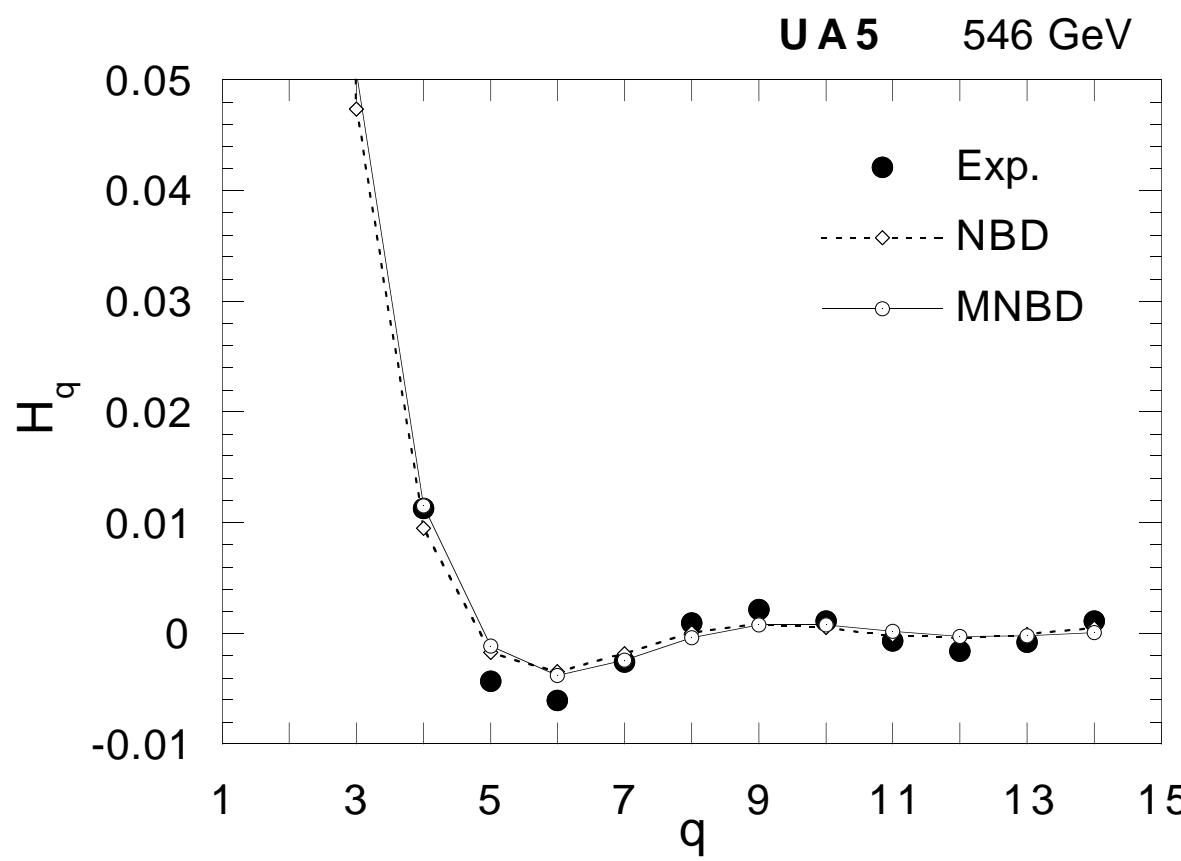


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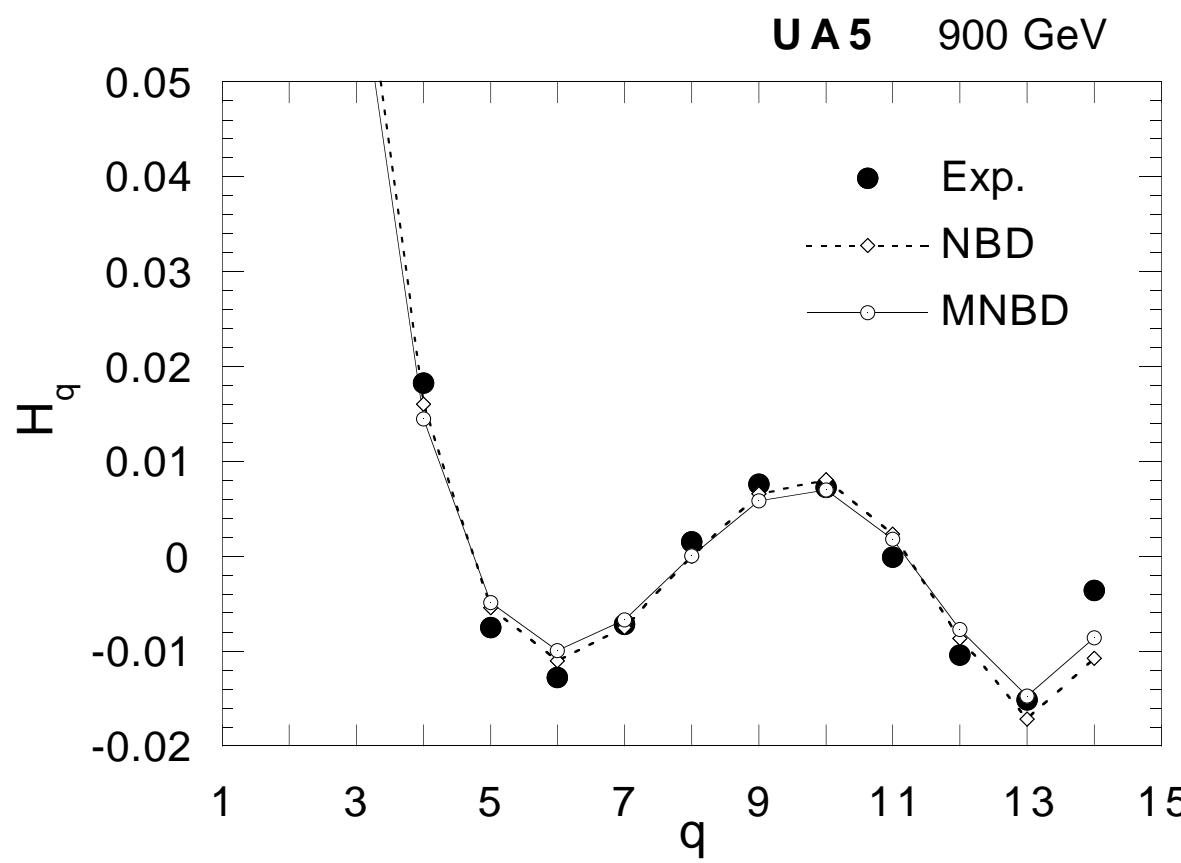


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